



Suzannah Cotterill

LLB (Hons) BSc (Hons) Equine Legal Reports & Welfare Assessments

I have over 30 years of experience in the equine and legal worlds. My Applied Animal Behaviour degree has provided me with unparalleled up-to-date equestrian science as a backdrop to comprehensive industry learning. My varied equestrian roles have provided me with unique multi-faceted insights, this combined with my legal expertise, ensures I bring a wide ranging strength and depth to all instructions. Any report will be tailored to assisting the Court and compliant completely with the latest legislation, case law and CPRs. Appearing in court regularly brings the assurance my evidence will be both helpful, informative and robust, with the ability to withstand comprehensive cross-examination.

- 2014-17 **University of Portsmouth: Applied Animal Behaviour BSc (Hons)**
Dissertation: Horse Falls in British Eventing.
- 2012- **Field Court Chambers:** *Niche practice in equestrian law, divorces with equine assets and international elements.*
Previously a retained counsel for insurance companies representing Riding Schools. Currently opinions provided on equine sales, contracts, negligence, welfare and insurance on both liability and quantum.
- 2012- **British Equestrian Federation Disciplinary & Appeal Panel/Chair**
- 2012 **London 2012 (Para-Olympic dressage) Field of Play**
- 2012-16 **Director British Eventing,** *Joint Chair holding the Sport portfolio: the central British Eventing committee with Rules, Risk Assessment, Sport Development and other reporting sub committees*
- Access to the Bar Committee-** *part of a team delivering rules for Direct Access barristers and regulatory protection of the public*
- 2010- **Federation International Equestrian (FEI) Steward – welfare and rule compliance**

- 2008- **British Eventing** (national) **Steward-** *overall charge of events (500-750 horses and riders, heading a team of 200 volunteers), ensuring the event and rider safety with overarching responsibility on behalf of British Eventing*
2018 Withington Manor, Berkshire College of Agriculture, West Wilts
- 2005 **Director Cadogan Mediation Limited** –*founding Director & heading a team providing alternative dispute resolution including equestrian matters*
- 1999-2015 **Organiser Somerley Park International Horse Trials**, *responsible for the entire provision of both National and International competitions*
- 1990- **Event Rider & Owner** *competed nationally & internationally, represented GBR abroad. Producer of multiple horses to Advanced level with several riders, including selecting horses for London 2012 and World Equestrian Games 2014*
- 1988 **Barrister Lincolns Inn**
- 1984-1987 **Essex University & Inns of Court School of Law**

Other

- Territorial Army Kings Troop (short riding course)
 Military Riding Instructor in Cyprus
 Household Cavalry civilian rider
- Racing Owner of winning Hunter Chase racehorses
- Safeguarding British Equestrian Federation: Equestrian Advanced Safeguarding
- Memberships Associate Member Expert Witness Institute
 British Eventing, Event Horse Owners Association